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REF: A. MOSCOW 8417, B. LONDON 9502 NOTAL, C. LENINGRAD 675 NOTAL

1. CHAPIN OF CANADIAN EMBASSY SHOWED US A TELEGRAM FROM THE EXTERNAL AFFAIRS DEPARTMENT CONCERNING THE APPARENT KGB USE OF A CANADIAN PASSPORT IN ATTEMPTS TO MOUNT PROVOCATIONS AMONG SOVIET HUMAN RIGHTS DISSIDENTS. THE REPORT FROM OTTAWA SAID THAT THE CANADIANS HAD THUS FAR GOTTEN NO INFORMAION ON WHO THE "WILLIAM FAWCETT" MIGHT HAVE BEEN

THEY HAD ASCERTAINED THAT HE WAS IN NO WAY RELATED TO CANADIAN PROFESSOR ERIC FAWCETT WHO HAD ATTENDED THE FIFTH ANNIVERSARY SESSION OF THE "SUNDAY SEMINAR" AND HAD SUBSEQUENTLY HELD A PRESS CONFERENCE ABOUT HIS ROLE IN SMUGGLING OUT A SCIENTIFIC MANUSCRIPT.

2. CHAPIN SAID THAT THE CANADIANS WERE STILL CHECKING THE STORY OUT, THAT THEY HAD ASKED THEIR EMBASSY IN TOKYO (WHERE THE WILLIAM FAWCETT PURPORTEDLY LIVED) AND ADDED THAT THE CANADIANS WOULD BE IN TOUCH SHOULD THEY HEAR ANYTHING SECRET

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FURTHER.

- 3. CHAPIN SAID THAT THE CANADIAN HIGH COMMISSION IN LONDON HAD OBTAINED AND TRANSMITTED TO OTTAWA COPIES OF THE LETTER MENTIONED IN REFTEL B.
- 4. CHAPIN SAID THAT THE CANADIANS WOULD BE EXTREMELY'

GRATEFUL FOR ANY ADDITIONAL DETAILS THAT ILYA LEVIN COULD PROVIDE ON THE "CANADIAN" "JOHN" FAWCETT WHOM HE HAD MET IN FEBRUARY, 1976, ESPECIALLY ON HIS DOCUMENTATION (REF C). CHAPIN SAID CANADIANS WOULD VERY MUCH LIKE TO CONTACT LEVIN ONCE HE HAD EMIGRATED, IF AMCONSUL LENINGRAD FELT THAT IT COULD NOT ASK LEVIN FOR FURTHER DETAILS.

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